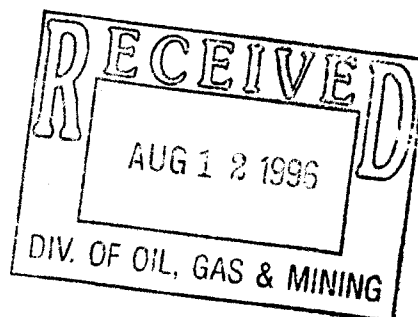


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Re: 1996 Geochemical Sampling Results for the Bingham Canyon Mine Biosolids Test Plots

Dear Mr. Kunzler:

In reference to your letter dated August 5, 1996 regarding the acid base potential vs. pH results for the subject test plots, the following response is provided. Two of the twelve samples collected showed results of +300 acid base accounting with a corresponding pH of between 2 and 3. KUC questioned these results but after discussions with the laboratory was satisfied that the procedures and assay results. This anomaly is possibly the result of CaCO_2 that is plated in large fragments on some of the rocks in the test plots. KUC will continue annual monitoring of the test plots and will review the acid base accounting vs. pH after next year's sampling.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Dorward-King".

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